

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 11, 16, and 17 as shown in the following listing of all claims.

1. (Original) A method for manufacturing garments having a vintage appearance, said method comprising:

forming a plurality of panels of fabric of a garment;

printing a pattern using a chemical on at least one panel of fabric, the chemical being utilized to produce the garment with the vintage appearance; and

constructing the garment utilizing the plurality of panels, the plurality of panels including the at least one chemical printed panel.

2. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the garment includes at least one of the following: pants, shirt, and jacket.

3. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the chemical includes a color remover.

4. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the chemical includes a color remover inhibitor.

5. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the chemical includes a color penetration inhibitor.

6. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein said printing is performed on an individual panel basis.

7. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the plurality of panels of fabric are pre-dyed.

8. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the vintage appearance includes at least one of the following: faded, weathered, used, worn, and whiskered.

9. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the chemical includes at least one of the plurality of chemicals operable to produce a reaction to remove color from the fabric.

10. (Original) The method according to claim 1, further comprising post-processing the constructed garment to alter the fabric.

11. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim [[8]]10, wherein said post-processing includes at least one of sanding and washing the fabric.

12. (Original) The method according to claim 1, further comprising producing at least one screen utilized by said printing of the chemical.

13. (Original) The method according to claim 1, further comprising designing a graphical representation of the vintage garment.

14. (Original) The method according to claim 1, further comprising heating the at least one panel having the chemical printed thereon to induce a chemical reaction.

15. (Original) A system for manufacturing garments having a vintage appearance, said system comprising:

means for forming a plurality of panels of fabric of a garment;

means for printing a pattern using a chemical on at least one of the panels of fabric, the chemical being utilized to produce the garment with the vintage appearance; and

means for constructing the garments utilizing the plurality of panels, the plurality of panels including the at least one chemically printed panel.

16. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim [[13]] 15, further comprising means for ~~post~~the post-processing the constructed garment to alter the fabric.

17. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim [[13]] 15, further comprising means for designing a graphical representation of the vintage garment.

18. (Original) A method for manufacturing a garment having a used appearance, said method comprising:

receiving a garment panel prior to being assembled into the garment;

printing a chemical in a predetermined pattern on the garment panel, the chemical operable to alter coloration of the garment panel; and assembling the garment with at least one printed garment panel.

19. (Original) The method according to claim 18, wherein the chemical includes a color remover.

20. (Original) The method according to claim 18, wherein the chemical includes a color remover inhibitor.

21. (Original) The method according to claim 18, wherein the chemical includes a color penetration inhibitor.

22. (Original) The method according to claim 18, wherein the used appearance includes at least one of the following: fading, weathering, wearing, and whiskering.

23. (Original) The method according to claim 18, wherein the chemical includes at least one of a plurality of chemicals operable to produce a reaction to remove color from the garment panel.

24. (Original) The method according to claim 18, further comprising utilizing a post-printing process on the garment to alter the coloration of the garment panel.

25. (Original) The method according to claim 18, further comprising receiving a graphical design of the used appearance to substantially replicate in said printing.

26. (Original) A system for manufacturing a garment having a used appearance, said method comprising:

means for receiving a garment panel prior to being assembled into the garment;
means for printing a chemical in a predetermined pattern on the garment panel,
the chemical operable to alter coloration of the garment panel; and
means for assembling the garment with at least one printed garment panel.

27. (Original) A system for producing a garment having a used appearance, said system comprising:

a printing press configured to print a chemical on fabric to produce a predetermined pattern indicative of the used appearance.

28. (Original) The system according to claim 27, wherein said printing press utilizes a plate to print the chemical.

29. (Original) The system according to claim 27, wherein said printing press utilizes a roller to print the chemical.

30. (Original) The system according to claim 27, wherein said printing press utilizes a screen to print the chemical.

31. (Original) The system according to claim 27, wherein the chemical includes a color remover.

32. (Original) The system according to claim 27, wherein the chemical includes at least one of a color remover inhibitor and color penetration inhibitor.

33. (Original) The system according to claim 27, further comprising a heat producer operable to cure the chemical.

34. (Original) The system according to claim 27, further comprising a washing machine operable to rinse the chemical from the fabric.

35-60 (Canceled)

61. (Original) A method for manufacturing fabric having a vintage appearance, said method comprising:

forming an element having a pattern of the vintage appearance, the element operable to be utilized in a printing process; and

printing a chemical on the fabric utilizing the element, the chemical being utilized to produce the fabric with the vintage appearance.

62. (Original) The method according to claim 61, wherein the element includes at least one of a plate and roller.

63. (Original) The method according to claim 61, wherein the element is a screen.

64. (Original) The method according to claim 61, further comprising forming the fabric having the vintage appearance into a garment.

65. (Original) The method according to claim 61, wherein the chemical includes at least one of the following: a color remover, color remover inhibitor, and color penetration inhibitor.

66. (Original) The method according to claim 61, wherein the printing process is a continuous printing process.

67. (Original) The method according to claim 61, further comprising cutting the fabric.

68. (Original) The method according to claim 67, further comprising printing and aligning registration marks.

69. (Original) A fabric formed by a method comprising:
forming an element having a pattern of the vintage appearance, the element operable to be utilized in a printing process; and
printing a chemical on the fabric utilizing the element, the chemical being utilized to produce the fabric with the vintage appearance.

70. (Original) The method according to claim 69, wherein the element includes at least one of a plate and roller.

71. (Original) The method according to claim 69, wherein the element is a screen.

72. (Original) The fabric according to claim 69, wherein the fabric includes a plurality of patterns having a vintage appearance being substantially the same.

73. (Original) A garment formed by a method comprising:
forming an element having a pattern of the vintage appearance, the element operable to be utilized in a printing process;
printing a chemical on the fabric utilizing the element, the chemical being utilized to produce the fabric with the vintage appearance;
cutting the fabric to form at least one panel; and
coupling the at least one panel.

74. (Original) The method according to claim 73, wherein the element includes at least one of a plate and roller.

75. (Original) The method according to claim 73, wherein the element is a screen.

76. (Original) The garment according to claim 73, further comprising:
printing at least one registration mark indicative of alignment locations.